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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN'S CALL ON AF/W
DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 57412

1. MAURITANIAN AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN CALLED ON AF/W DIRECTOR
MARCH 16 AT HIS REQUEST. COUNTRY OFFICER ATTENDED MEETING.
2. KOCHMAN TOLD US HE HAS BEEN ORDERED BACK TO NOUAKCHOTT
FOR CONSULTATIONS MARCH 18, AND PLANS RETURN TO WASHINGTON
APRIL 3. KOCHMAN, IN RAMBLING HOUR AND ONE-HALF LONG
MONOLOGUE, SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO
DELIVER MESSAGE TO SECRETARY, BUT MESSAGE HAD NOT ARRIVED.
INSTEAD HE WISHED TO INFORM US OF PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S
VIEWS AS HE KNEW THEM. HE THEN REHEARSED AT GREAT LENGTH
STANDARD MAURITANIAN POSITION ON WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE.
ONLY NEW POINT WAS HIS REFERENCE, WHICH HE DID NOT CLARIFY,
TO POSSIBLE TROUBLE FOR PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH FROM
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MAURITANIAN YOUTH IN THE FUTURE.

3. WE REVIEWED CURRENT STATE OF OUR EMERGENCY FOOD AID
PROGRAMS FOR MAURITANIA, INCLUDING LIVESTOCK FEED, NOTED
CONTINUING US SUPPORT FOR MAURITANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND OUR DESIRE FOR FRIENDLY TIES. WE POINTED OUT THAT OUR
NEUTRALITY ON SUBSTANCE WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE STEMS IN

LARGE PART FROM FACT THAT THE SELF-DETERMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF NEITHER OF THE SAHARA RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY UNGA ON DECEMBER 10, 1975, HAVE BEEN MET TO THE SATISFACTION OF MUCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

4. KOCHMAN INFORMED US HE HAD MET EARLIER IN DAY WITH CONGRESSMAN ZABLOCKI, AND THAT HE PLANNED MEETING FOLLOWING DAY WITH CONGRESSMAN WHALEN.

5. FYI: KOCHMAN'S APPROACH TO US SUGGESTS YOU MAY SOON BE RECEIVING ANOTHER MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUEST FROM GIRM.
END FYI. VANCE

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